

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 29, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, claims 55 and 61 have been amended. No new matter is presented. It is noted that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with U.S. patent practice under *Ex parte Quayle*. The amendments to the claims do not narrow the scope of the claims.

Claims 21, 22, 55 and 61 were objected to for minor informalities. Claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 55. The Applicants have amended claims 55 and 61 responsive to the objection and submit that all claims are in compliance with U.S. patent practice.

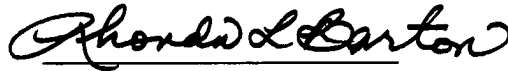
The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-8, 10-19, 24-27, 29, 31-40, 43, 44, 53, 54, and 56-60. In that claims 55 and 61 have been amended, and claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 55, it is submitted that the conditions of the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action have been satisfied and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be

charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 108390-00002.

Respectfully submitted,



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